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I have prepared this California Election Calendar for the 2008 election cycle, highlighting the important dates that people need to be aware of as they plan for the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary, the June 3, 2008, Direct Primary, and the November 4, 2008, General Election.

Elections in California require a great deal of work, advance preparation, and expertise from a wide variety of people. We are fortunate to have an elections community made up of dedicated and innovative professionals who are deeply committed to conducting honest, efficient, transparent, and successful statewide elections.

This calendar contains information that I'm certain will be useful to all elections officials, candidates running for office, public officials, members of the news media, and the general public.

I look forward to what promises to be a very exciting presidential election year!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Bowen".

Debra Bowen
Secretary of State

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